



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the Omaha Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Kevin E. Crawford was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 5 grams of Cocaine Base, and being an Unlawful User of a Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm. Crawford was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$200 Special Assessment.

On February 23, 2009, Omaha Police conducted a traffic stop at 28th and Pinkney Street, Omaha, NE, on a vehicle suspected to be involved in a nearby shooting. Three parties were found inside, with the front seat passenger being identified as Kevin Crawford. All three parties were removed from the car and searched. Officers found two baggies of crack (total weight 5.7 grams) on Crawford's person. A loaded 9mm handgun was found under his seat, the gun was found to have been reported stolen. After waiving Miranda, Crawford admitted that he was a user of crack and that he had found the gun earlier in the evening.

In a separate investigation which occurred in April of 2009, DEA agents utilized a cooperating witness who purchased 13 grams of crack cocaine from Crawford on two occasions in the Omaha area.

Name of Defendant: Kevin E. Crawford

AKA: Pip Squeak

AGE: 21

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 5 grams of Cocaine Base, 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment. Unlawful User of a Controlled Substance in Possession of a Firearm, 0-10 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 19 grams of Cocaine Base.

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: February 23, 2009 through April 8, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: July 7, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: July 8, 2009

Plea Date(s): November 24, 2009

Sentencing Date: February 17, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody since October 8, 2009, for violating conditions of pre-trial release.

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: TJK